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1. Auxiliary Technical Battalion - No 9991 (Pomoeny Technick Prapor) is stationed in the town of Libava near Olomouc.
2. The unit, commanded by Maj (fau) Kosut, is composed of 32 companies (130-150 men each). The soldiers are men who are considered politically unreliable. At present two companies are in Bruntal. One of these is composed of priests who, according to Czechoslovak law, are subject to military service. Officers are chosen from cadres of workers who are commissioned after completing military school. Five hundred officers and NCO's from a border engineer regiment are instructors. All members of the battalion are unarmed.
3. Fourteen days of military training are required for all, insofar as is physically possible the men are dispatched for work in various enterprises and firms where there is a shortage of workers.
4. The education officer for the battalion is a 2nd lieutenant. He had seven assistants. Each group of 100 men has an education officer who conducts political training every other day. Two to five percent of the men are Communists. Approximately 1% are actually devoted to the regime.
5. The medical unit for this battalion is located in the Military Hospital at Bruntal.

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